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SUBJECT: SPOKANE EXPOSITION 1974

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1. EMBOFFICER QUERIED DR. STEIDLE WHETHER JUNE 7 MEETING OF AUMA WITH INTERMINISTERIAL GROUP (REFTEL B) HAD TAKEN DECISION ON GERMAN PARTICIPATION AT SPOKANE. STEIDLE SAID THAT NO REPEAT NO POSITIVE DECISION COULD BE TAKEN, SINCE, AS STATED EARLIER, AUMA NOT ABLE TO JUSTIFY PARTICIPATION BY INDUSTRY ON COMMERICAL GROUNDS AND NO FRG MINISTRY WOULD COME UP WITH FUNDS TO COVER EXPENSIVE PARTICIPATION OVER SIX MONTHS PERIOD. NEITHER MINISTRY OF INTERIOR, RESPONSIBLE FOR ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS, NOR MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, RESPONSIBLE FOR NATIONAL PARKS AND PRESERVATION OF WILD LIFE
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SHOWED ANY INTEREST.

2. WHILE EXPRESSING REGRET FOR FRG' S INABILITY TO PARTICIPATE, STEIDLE WAS CRITICAL OF SPOKANE SPONSORS IN PROCEEDING WITH PLANS BEFORE LINING UP FOREIGN PARTICIPANTS FOR WHAT WAS TO BE INTERNATIONAL EXPOSITION. HE SAID THAT, DESPITE THEIR GOOD WILL, GERMANS FIND IT IMPOSSIBLE TO JUSTIFY LARGE EXPENDITURE OF MONEY, WHICH PARTICIPATION FOR SIX MONTHS WOULD REQUIRE, IN A CATEGORY II EXPOSITION AT A LOCATION, WHICH, HOWEVER APPEALING FROM SCENIC STANDPOINT, IS OFF THE BEATEN TRACK.

3. ALLUDING TO POSSIBLE HASSLE AT NEXT WEEKS' S MEETING OF BIE IN PARIS (WHICH HE WILL ATTEND), STEIDLE SAID THAT ROLE OF BIE IS LIMITED TO APPROVAL OF PROJECTED EXPOSITIONS. IT DOES NOT EXTEND TO RECRUITMENT OR INFLUENCING PARTICIPATION, WHICH IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF SPONSORS.

4. COMMENT: STEIDLE QUERIED EMBOFFICER ABOUT RESPONSE MR. KING COLE RECEIVED TO HIS REVISED PARTICIPATION PROPOSAL IN BRUSSELS. HE ASSUMED IT WAS ALSO NEGATIVE. IT APPEARS EACH POTENTIAL WEST EUROPEAN PARTICIPANT IS LOOKING OVER HIS SHOULDER ON WHAT IS LIKELY RESPONSE OF OTHERS. IF ONE WERE TO BREAK RANKS OF WHAT NOW APPEARS TO BE SOLID OPPOSITION, OTHERS LIKELY TO FOLLOW. PARIS MAY WELL HOLD KEY TO PROBLEM.
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